

CHAPTER NO. 356

SENATE BILL NO. 2277

By Kyle, Chism, Herron, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2292

By McMillan, Favors, Cooper, Marrero

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-1103, relative to sudden unexplained child death.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:


SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-1103, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (2) and redesignating existing subsection (2) and subsequent subsections accordingly:

(2) Promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Title 4, Chapter 5, which establish minimum standards for conducting and completing an investigation, including an autopsy if deemed necessary, into the sudden, unexplained death of any child from birth to age seventeen (17). Initial rules promulgated pursuant to this act are authorized to be promulgated as public necessity rules pursuant to § 4-5-209. In promulgating such rules, the commissioner may rely in whole, or in part, on any nationally recognized standards regarding such investigations. Compliance with such rules shall make county governments eligible for reimbursement, to the extent authorized by those rules, of the costs of any autopsy deemed necessary.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 25, 2005


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 7th day of June 2005


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR